

REMARKS

The present application has been subjected to a Requirement for Restriction in accordance with 35 USC 121 and 372. Accordingly, the Examiner has identified the following groups or inventions for restriction:

Group I – claim(s) 1-7, 23 and 24, drawn to methods for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of carcinoma, comprising administering an agent which interacts with, or modulates the expression or activity of, a PTK7 polypeptide.

Group II – claim(s) 8-12, 20, 21 and 25, drawn to methods of screening for anti-carcinoma agents that interact with a PTK7 polypeptide.

Group III – claim(s) 13, 22 and 26-28, drawn to agents to identify by the method of claim 10, where the agent interacts with or causes the expression or activity of said polypeptide to change.

Group IV – claim(s) 15-19 and 29-32, drawn to methods of screening and/or diagnosis or prognosis of carcinoma in a subject, and/or monitoring the effectiveness of carcinoma therapy, which comprises the step of detecting and/or quantifying a PTK7 polypeptide.

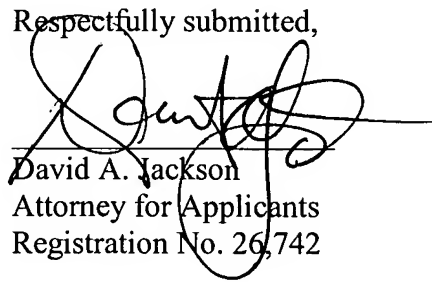
In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.142 and 1.143, applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group II, namely claims 8-12, 20, 21 and 25, without traverse.

As an election of species has been called for, Applicant hereby elects species (a) directed to agents that interact with or modulate the activity of the PTK7 polypeptide. Currently, applicant submits that claims 8, 9, 20 and 21 are readable on the elected specie.

Applicant has also by the above amendment canceled the remaining claims in the application, namely claims 1-7, 13, 15-19, 22-24 and 26-32, without prejudice to pursuing such claims in one or more divisional applications.

Applicant believes that the foregoing constitutes a full and adequate response to the outstanding Action and believes that an Action on the merits is now warranted. Such further and favorable action is accordingly courteously solicited.

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